

## PATENT

**B. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 1 at line 5, and replace it with the following:

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A1  
The present invention relates to managing partitioned systems. More particularly, the present invention relates to a system and method for reporting platform errors that are detected by the platform and reported to more than one partition within a computer system.

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Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 4 at line 2, and replace it with the following:

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A2  
It has been discovered that a flag can be used to detect when a hardware error has already been reported to prevent duplicate servicing of the same hardware component. Computer system hardware and firmware cards have multiple components for providing a particular function ~~functions~~, such as a video display and communications, to the user. One of these components is a firmware error buffer where information identifying errors that have been detected in hardware are stored. In addition to the error identifiers, an Already Reported Flag (ARF) is included to indicate whether the error has been reported to at least one operating system.

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